

has brought recognition and appreciation of wild horses and burros on our public lands. Cloud has taught us that what wild horses and burros cherish most is not so different than for all Americans, freedom and family.

**HONORING ATHENS OLD FIDDLERS
CONTEST AND REUNION 80TH AN-
NIVERSARY**

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the 80th Anniversary of the Athens Old Fiddlers Contest and Reunion in Henderson County, Texas.

Founded in 1932 in Bethel, the contest was moved to Athens in 1933 and found a permanent home at the Henderson County Courthouse on the square in downtown Athens.

The Athens Old Fiddlers Reunion is one of the oldest continuous fiddle reunions in the United States, and it is devoted to the preservation of the style of music that once brought courage to our starving troops at Valley Forge, earned devoted admirers like Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson, and today continues to delight millions.

On behalf of the Fifth Congressional District of Texas, I commend the volunteers who generously donate their time and talents to ensure the future of this festival.

HONORING JOEL ARNIER

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to recognize the valiant efforts of Joel Arnier, an 18-year firefighter-paramedic from Addison, Illinois.

A few weeks ago, while fishing on the Fox River, Joel heard a woman screaming for help in the distance. Sensing trouble, Joel rushed to the scene and discovered that the woman's infant daughter had fallen into the water. Joel immediately recognized the urgency of the situation and quickly began performing mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. After a few critical minutes of attentive care, Joel was able to successfully revive the infant and save her life.

Although Joel was off-duty that day, he did not hesitate to come to the mother's assistance. Joel's training and expertise allowed him to respond promptly and effectively to such an urgent and terrifying incident. Every day, heroic men and women like Joel keep our communities safe, and they deserve to be recognized.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in commending Joel Arnier for his extraordinary effort.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, on May 23, 2011, I missed three rollcall votes (Nos.

330–332)—H.R. 1627, H.R. 1383 and H.R. 1657—because of a delayed flight due to inclement weather. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on each of the aforementioned rollcall votes.

**HONORING MONTGOMERY COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th anniversary of the Montgomery County Public Libraries, a nationally recognized library system that I am proud to have located in Maryland's Eighth Congressional District.

Libraries have provided service to Montgomery County residents for generations. The first private library was established in 1838, stimulating wealthy patrons, clubs, civic associations and municipalities to begin libraries for their own communities. The Montgomery County Public Libraries system began operations in 1951 with the formerly independent libraries in Four Corners, Gaithersburg, Garrett Park, Noyes, Sandy Spring, Silver Spring, and Wheaton.

Today, Montgomery County has one of the leading library systems in the nation. It has grown to 21 branches, reaching every corner of the county. I am proud that these libraries, staffed by a combination of trained and dedicated professionals and volunteers, are able to serve so many people. In fact, two-thirds of the residents of Montgomery County are active library users.

Libraries have changed a great deal over the decades. While books and printed materials are still vitally important, Internet access, e-books and databases are playing an increasingly important role in how libraries serve their communities. The Montgomery County Public Libraries system has adapted well over the last 60 years, and I am confident that it will continue to do so as it enriches the lives of county residents, from the youngest to the oldest, by helping to teach new skills and providing information, education and recreational materials.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me not only in recognizing the six decades of achievement by the Montgomery County Public Libraries, but of the outstanding achievements of public libraries in each congressional district throughout our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 331, I was present, but I was distracted and missed the second vote in the three vote series. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

**HONORING PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
PHILLIP WYSOCKI**

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Private Class Phillip Wysocki of Hebron, Kentucky.

Phillip has served honorably with the United States Army's 101st Airborne Division during two deployments to Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

He joined the United States Army after graduating from Conner High School in Boone County, Kentucky in 2009. He played Varsity football for the Cougar football team and was a standout athlete. He is also a volunteer firefighter with the Hebron Fire Protection District which he joined during his junior year of high school.

On November 1st, 2010, while serving in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, Phillip and other members of his unit came under attack from Taliban fighters. An IED exploded, critically injuring several soldiers. Phillip contributed significantly to facilitating the evacuation of casualties under heavy enemy fire and repelling the enemy attack.

In February of 2011, he was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in this combat action. His actions were in keeping with the proud military heritage of Kentucky and the heroism of Kentuckians in the defense of our Nation for over two centuries.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding heroism of Private First Class Phillip Wysocki, Jr. in service to the United States Army and our Nation.

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TAX
PARITY FOR NON-RESIDENT
PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES ACT
OF 2011**

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Tax Parity for Non-Resident Professional Athletes Act of 2011, at the request of the D.C. Council, which unanimously passed a Sense of the Council resolution, introduced by D.C. Council members Jack Evans and Harry Thomas, Jr., calling on me to introduce the bill in Congress. The bill would amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to allow the District to impose a tax on income earned in the District by non-resident professional athletes, just as a number of states currently do. For example, California received \$102 million in tax revenue from income earned by non-resident athletes in 2006–2007. Tennessee raised \$1.1 million in tax revenue from visiting athletes, which was used for municipal parks and recreation projects. The bill does not tax the income of citizens of neighboring states. It is those states, not visiting athletes, that Congress intended to protect with the Home Rule Act provision that prohibits D.C. from taxing non-resident income.

The District continues to be responsible for providing state-like services to D.C. residents,